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SUBJECT: U.S. STRETCH-FORM PRESS TO USSR (CYRIL BATH
CASE)

REF: (A) STATE 138783, (B) STATE 97974

1. AT JUNE 6 MEETING USDEL RESPONDED TO GERMAN
QUESTIONS FOR INFORMATION ON END-USE/END-USER AND MACH-
INERY AGE, USING THE INFORMATION IN 1 (A) AND (B) OF
REF A. USDEL INDICATED THAT THE U.S. FIRM HAD NOT BEEN
ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM AVTOPRO-
IMPORT ON THE END-USE/END-USER. HAVING RECEIVED THESE
RESPONSES GERMAN DEL NOW HAS UNTIL JUNE 20 FOR STATE-
MENT OF POSITION.

2. BRITISH DEL CONTINUED TO RESERVE HIS POSITION AND
WAS GIVEN UNTIL JUNE 13 TO STATE POSITION BY USDEL.
(IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PARA 5 REF B, USDEL
HAS CONTINUED TO HAVE CASE DISCUSSED AT EVERY MEETING.)

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3. IN BILATERALS WITH GERMAN AND BRITISH DELS, USDEL
HAS INDICATED THE INTEREST OF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES IN
OBTAINING AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THIS CASE AND HAS
PROVIDED FULL BACKGROUND ON CYRIL BATH PRESS AND RELATED
FRENCH EXPORTS. GERMAN DEL HAS INDICATED THAT THIS IS
AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CASE FOR HIS AUTHORITIES, MEN-
TIONING THE LACK OF END-USER INFORMATION AS ONE OF THE

MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE ASKED WHETHER UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO APPROVE A GERMAN EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR AN EXPORT TO THE USSR WITHOUT PRECISE END-USER INFORMATION, ADDING THE HE ASSUMED THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT BE.

4. PRIOR TO THE JUNE 6 WHEN USDEL STATED USG HAD NO ADDITIONAL END-USER INFORMATION (AS INDICATED PARA 1 ABOVE), BRITISH DEL TOLD USDEL BILATERALLY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE MAY BE INSTRUCTED TO REPEAT HIS EARLIER QUESTION ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL END-USER INFORMATION.
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